

SIX PERSONS PERISH IN FIRE

Senator Pilkinton
May Make Race for
U. S. Congressman

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Star

FAVORABLE RULING

Would Be Eligible, Says
Ruling of Attorney
General

Senator James H. Pilkinton of Hope admitted to The Star Friday that he was a "possible candidate" for the nomination of United States congressman from this district, but declined to comment further at this time.

"I am strongly considering the race, but have no definite statement to make at this time," Mr. Pilkinton said.

The Star approached him after receiving an Associated Press dispatch from Little Rock in which Attorney General Jack Holt returned a favorable opinion on Mr. Pilkinton's eligibility.

Favorable Ruling
LITTLE ROCK—(P)—Attorney General Jack Holt ruled that a state senator could make a race for a seat in congress during the senatorial term for which he was elected.

The opinion went to Senator James H. Pilkinton of Hope in answer to his question whether there were any legal inhibitions to prevent a hold-over member of the senate, whose term would expire in 1943, from serving as congressman if elected at the November general election.

Holt said the Arkansas constitution provided that no member of the state legislature during his elective term could be appointed or elected to "any civil office under this state." He explained, however, that the state supreme court had ruled the phrase "under this state" embraced offices created "by the laws of the state as contra-distinguished from other authority."

"It is our opinion that the court makes it clear that this section of the constitution was not referring to offices created under the constitution of the United States or congressional enactments," Holt said.

"For this reason we believe that you could be properly nominated and elected to the office of congressman during your term as holdover senator. If you were elected it would be necessary for you to resign as state senator before January 1, 1941."

Pilkinton's letter did not indicate whether the information was sought for himself or some other member of the senate. His home county of Hempstead is located in the seventh congressional district, now served by Representative Wade H. Kitchens.

Tanner Thanks U.S.
for Its Sympathy

Says 50,000 Finns Fell
in Russo-Finnish
War

HELSINKI—(P)—Vaino Tanner, Finnish foreign minister, declared Friday that more than 50,000 Finns who fell in the war with Russia either died or were wounded "in defense of western civilization."

"And their sacrifice was not for Finland alone," he said.

Tanner, in an NBC broadcast to the United States, thanked Americans for their help, said:

"The war destroyed property worth hundreds of millions of dollars and although we lose much by peace terms we lose more in human values."

"Neither the material help that we received nor sympathy was sufficient to save us from a superior power."

PRE-EASTER SERVICE

A pre-Easter service will begin Monday night, March 18, at the negro Garret Chapel Baptist church. The meeting will be conducted by the Rev. J. W. Williams, pastor of Lonoke Baptist church.

There are 4,500 miles of canals in the Netherlands.

CRANIUM CRACKERS

Quoted Threesomes
In the following well-known expressions, one of the three parts is left blank. Can you fill in the missing portion?

1. Good, Bad and

2. ... and Wide and Hand-some.

3. Here, ... and Every-where.

4. ... Blinken and Nod.

5. Hither, Thither and

6. Hop, ... and Jump.

7. Going, Gone!

Answers on Page Two

Supporters of Hatch Bill in Major Win

WASHINGTON—(P)—Supporters of legislation to broaden the Hatch anti-politics act won a major victory Friday when the senate approved, 47 to 30, a key section forbidding political activity by state workers who are paid partly from federal funds.

Foes of the measure late Thursday amended it in the senate to prohibit campaign contributions of more than \$5,000 from any person or corporation.

The subject of campaign contributions has been the center of recent controversy between democratic and republican party leaders. Democratic Chairman James A. Farley cited several large contributions to the 1936 republican campaign, while Republican Chairman John D. M. Hamilton replied that the largest single contribution, \$104,500, was made to the democratic campaign by Walter A. Jones, Pittsburgh oil man.

The amendment would place an absolute \$5,000 top on the total contributions that could be made by any individual or corporation in a single year. Contributions above that figure would be "pernicious political activity" and would be punishable by fines of at least \$5,000 and prison terms of at least five years.

R. N. Arnold, 66, Dies Here Friday

Funeral Services Are
Announced for 2 p.
m. Saturday

R. N. Arnold, 66, living just east of Hope, died at 8 a. m. Friday after an illness of several years. He had lived in Hempstead county nearly all of his life.

Surviving are his widow, two sons, Clyde J. Arnold of Hope; one brother, N. J. Arnold of Hope; two sisters, Mrs. Cliff Bowdier of Patmos; and Mrs. Coal Aylett of Patmos; seven grand children and a number of nephews and nieces.

Funeral services will be held at Holly Grove church at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Active pallbearers:

Crit Stuart, Leo Dodd, Ed Wilson, Allen Martin, Fred Yocom Dan Yat-brough.

Honorary pallbearers: Dr. P. B. Carrigan, I. E. Odum, C. D. Lester, D. K. Dickinson, Dan Harkness, Claude Wilson, Charles Rowland, Carl Mouser, Chester Anderson, T. H. Seymour, Dr. Darnell, Fred Orton.

W. E. Cox, Willie Cox, Ernest Cox, Monroe Cox, Herby Cox Roy Cox, Oliver Robins, Ben Wilson, Leo Allen, Luther Gleiborn, Davis Weaver, Andy Morton, J. M. Hobson, Jim Moore, Tom Logan, Tom Billingsley, Mont Allen, Ruel Betts, Alvin Orsham, Edgar Leverett.

De Roberts, Irvin Gleiborn, Wiley Browning, Paul Bryant, Jim Boarden, Claude Taylor, Jim Bowen, John Moore, Mrs. J. J. Battle, Tom Beasley, John Breed and John Ridgell.

Cotton Demand to Exceed 1939 Crop

Exports of Cotton at

Highest Level

Since 1933

WASHINGTON—(P)—With cotton exports at the highest level since 1933, federal farm officials predicted that this season's demand would exceed the 1939 crop by upwards of 2,000,000 bales.

Requirements in excess of last year's crop will be drawn from a record surplus of about 14,000,000 bales on hand at the beginning of the current marketing season. The bulk of the surplus is stored under government loans to growers or belongs to the government as a result of loan foreclosures. Some cotton already has been withdrawn from loan stocks.

Agriculture department cotton experts said there were prospects that combined domestic consumption and exports this season (which ends July 31) might total 13,600,000 bales compared with 10,225,000 in the previous season. Production last year was about 11,600,000 bales.

The estimate was based largely on a census bureau report showing that during the first seven months of the current season exports and domestic consumption totalled 9,527,000 bales compared with 6,337,000 in the like period in the previous season.

Exports totalled 4,917,000 bales and were valued at \$269,122,000 compared with 2,455,000 bales and a value of \$126,020,000 in the previous season.

A Thought

For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.—Matthew 16:25.

Governor Phillips Gets Court Order for Closing Dam

Construction Firm
Plans No Action On
Big Project

GUARDS ON DUTY

\$20,000,000 Construction Job Closes at Disney, Okla.

DISNEY, Okla.—(P)—Militant Governor Leon C. Phillips obtained late Thursday district court order restraining construction of the \$20,000,000 Grand River dam, where he already had established martial law for the same purpose.

A few hours earlier at Vineta, the

Grand River dam authority had instructed the general contractor, the Massman Construction company, to "take such steps or proceedings as may seem necessary to insure uninterrupted continuance of construction work."

Temporary Injunction

Judge W. M. Thomas at Miami granted a temporary order, on application of Assistant Attorney General Dandell S. Cobb, restraining the dam authority and other defendants "from closing or constructing the (unfinished) arch No. 6 of the dam."

Meanwhile, a few national guard officers kept watch over the mile-long concrete and steel structure where they assumed control nearly 24 hours earlier.

Evenly in anticipation of Governor Phillips' obtaining the restraining order, the GRDA instructed its chief counsel, R. L. Davidson, to "resist the action with every means on behalf of, and in the name of, the authority."

"It is incumbent upon Massman and its sureties to protect the Grand River Dam Authority from unlawful or illegal interference with completion of the contract," the contract sets forth.

"March 31 deadline."

Pilot Joseph Rosmarin, 38, Brooklyn, was rescued but New York harbor and local police worked into the night under floodlights, grappling for the body of the passenger where the plane fell near the Statue of Liberty.

A friend of the pilot, Mortimer Rabson, New York lawyer, and a woman told police the missing man was apparently Emanuel Eisenberg, 35, of New York city. Rabson said Eisenberg resigned last year as press agent for the Group Theater in New York and went to Mexico to write a book. Miss Ruth Eisenberg said her cousin Emanuel had gone up with a pilot named Rosmarin.

After hearing Rosmarin's story Police Inspector Henry Gautier said tersely: "It is simply a case of suicide."

Pilot Lt. William Curtin said the pilot told him while the two men were struggling and the small plane spun earthward, Eisenberg tried to jump out.

The story Rosmarin told Police Capt. Fred Drewen was that of a man who became terror-stricken and "leaned over and hit me on the head with pliers."

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Machines as Taxpayers

Ever since the first monarch thought up the system of taxation to keep the wheels of government greased, the people's enthusiasm toward taxes has been about equal to that toward smallpox and scarlet fever.

No one has yet devised the perfect method of taxation, and no one ever will. To be perfect, it must be painless. And taxes, in whatever form they are levied are never completely innocuous.

Senator Joseph C. O'Mahoney (Dem., Wyo.) however, has a scheme he thinks would go a long way toward solving unemployment and establishing an equitable tax basis. Senator O'Mahoney has it figured out like this: Men who work pay taxes. When machines come along and replace the human workers, the jobless men are no longer able to pay taxes. Therefore, tax the machines, in proportion to the number of jobs they are taking away.

Regardless of what may be the fate of Senator O'Mahoney's proposal, it must be borne in mind that unemployment is a cancer that has eaten too deeply into American economic life to be destroyed by mere readjustment of the tax structure. No matter how they may be disguised, taxes will have to total precisely what they add up to now, if not more. And no matter how they may be re-arranged, they will ultimately be paid by the same people who are paying them now.

Senator O'Mahoney would grant tax credits to employers who used more human workers, few machines. The idea would be to halt the inroads the machine is making at the expense of employees.

Perhaps it would work in some cases, but it can scarcely be expected to remove the scourge of unemployment. The development of new machines represents progress, and you can't stop that.

It is all right to experiment with new methods of taxation in the hope that some day the fairest possible system will be achieved. But 10 million men will not get jobs by mere juggling of taxes. Taxes will pretty well take care of themselves when everyone has a job. When men are out of work, the remaining taxpayers must not only assume the jobless' share of the burden but must actually help in providing for the unemployed.

Unemployment must be tackled from the ground up, not from the top down. Unequal tax burdens on men are manifestations of unemployment, not causes.

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\$15 A WEEK

By Louise Holmes

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Through Sacrifice, Christ on the Cross
Matthew 27:22-28WILLIAM E. GILROY D. D.
The final sacrifice of Christ occurred at a place called Golgotha, which means "the place of a skull." It was fitting for a scene of death, and all the incidents of the crucifixion helped to emphasize the completeness of Christ's suffering and sacrifice.

Crucifixion was in itself a death sentence, the fate of criminals in the Roman custom of the time—a custom which was emphasized in the crucifixion of Jesus between two thieves. To his physical suffering was added all the scorn and bitterness that the enemies of Jesus could inflict upon him. Above him they had written the accusation in scornful truth: "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews," little realizing how essentially and in a noble way that was to become true, in a world that should regard Jesus as the noblest and purest of his race.

Would that we might all remember, in these days of the persecution of the race, that Jesus was a Jew, who came not to destroy but to fulfill all that was noblest and best in Judaism.

Also mocking him, his enemies said: "He saved others; himself he cannot save," failing to recognize how essentially that was true, but in a noble and beautiful way, Jesus is the supreme Savior and he has saved men through his sacrifice just as, again and again, heroes in human life have sacrificed themselves to save others.

It is often true that we can save and help others only by disregarding our own interests or by accepting ways of real suffering and sacrifice. Jesus himself had taught this very plainly when he had told his disciples that it was only through losing life that they could find it.

It was the custom of the Romans to alleviate the suffering of victims of crucifixion by offering them vinegar, wine mixed with gall, but when they offered it to Jesus he would not drink it. Probably this was in the same spirit that he had said to the disciples, as they had failed him after his agonizing prayer in Gethsemane: "Sleep on now and take your rest." He had fought the tempter and was ready for his sacrifice; and now, also in this final agony, he preferred to depend upon God rather than upon any human agency or relief.

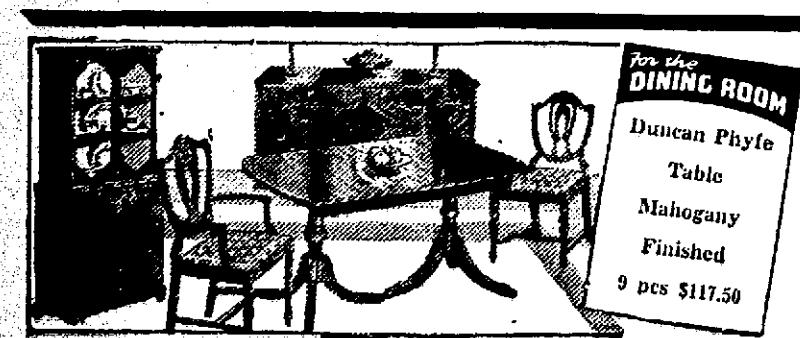
Elsewhere we have recorded the final word of Jesus, "My God, my God, why has thou forsaken me?" Volumes have been written upon those

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YESTERDAY! Steve Claybourne asks Ann to the fraternity dance. Steve is a tall, good-looking boy, and she already has an invitation. Ann marks her dress and it is a beauty. She is thrilled, but fears the evening may end in disappointment.

CHAPTER XIX

WHEN Ann walked into the living room even Florabelle was speechless. These girls, cheap in their wants, tawdry in their ideas, for just a moment sensed something beyond themselves, something made up of breeding and culture.

"Gee—," said Neddy.

"Gee—," came Teddy's echo. Clara boasted, "It's all written up on the society page." She got the paper. "See? Athens Club spring ball—Oh, Ann—I'd be scared to death—I wouldn't know how to act!" It was her admission of inferiority.

Neddy scoffed, "Gee! folks act just like we do at the taverns." It was another admission.

Teddy opened her mouth to retort, but Florabelle broke in lazily.

"These fraternity dances are all right," she grunted. "Personally, I prefer a smaller party."

Myrtle came timidly from the background. "Can I touch it, Ann?" she asked.

Ann held up the skirt for her inspection. "I got it cheap because the pattern goes hay-wire," he explained, pointing out the discrepancy with difficulty.

"It's swell," Myrtle signed. "I wish Bill could see you. He likes pretty things."

Paul arrived and was greeted by the audience. He had eyes only for Ann. He wore a nicely tailored suit, not double-breasted and midnight blue, but most presentable. He held the evening wrap and Ann slid her arms into the wide sleeves. She smiled her thanks to Florabelle.

Driving down town in a cab, with the radio humming softly, Ann said, "I suppose it's because I'm unsophisticated that I feel so thrilled. But I love it. I love the feel of my dress, I love for you to look like that. It makes me feel precious, somehow."

He laughed understandingly. "Even people like us have moments, Ann. Because they are so few we must make the most of them."

She looked out at the myriad lights. "I'm going to make every single minute count. Tonight must be more than tonight, it must be a lovely memory. Who knows, it may be my nicest mem—"

Paul reached for her hand and thought better of it. "You're a funny youngster," he said. "I guess we're two funny youngsters," she returned, "overstepping our budgets, pretending to be what we are not, but it's fun, Paul—such a lot of fun."

Paul took Ann in his arms. They danced without speaking. His hair brushed his cheek, she was like fragrant thistledown.

"We do all right," he said as the music stopped.

Paul nodded. "The first time a girl dances with a man is something of an experiment," she said. "It can be delicious and it can be dreadful, you never know until you try."

"Which category do I come under?" Paul inquired amusedly.

"De-lovely," she said, giving him a glance from under her amazing lashes.

The music again. They melted together as if the short separation had been unbearable.

Paul said, "Don't flirt with me, Ann."

"All right."

"You could be quite upsetting if I allowed you to be."

"I'll be careful."

"We're friends," he said seriously. "I'd hate to have you become an enemy."

As they passed the stag line Steve stepped out on the floor. He touched Paul's shoulder. Ann found herself in another pair of arms. After that it was a succession of arms, music, rhythm and breathtaking rapture.

Now and again she danced with Paul, more often she followed Steve's well-timed steps. She passed Paul with different girls. Passing, they always smiled.

It was almost midnight when Ann discovered that Steve was quite drunk. He had been growing a trifle more so with every dance with him. She saw Paul in the stag line and signaled for aid. As he shot out across the floor, he was stopped by Irene Temple. She held out her hands and, perfume, he danced with her.

Steve was mumbling in Ann's ear, "Come on—let's get out of here—too damn hot. Let's go down to the bar."

"I'd rather dance," she said, holding herself away from his ardent embrace.

"Do you know what you make me think of?" he asked.

"No," she answered indifferently.

"An icicle—a damn little icicle."

"When she said nothing, he added, "I'm going to kiss you. Miss Brown, and my kisses are guaranteed to melt the most stubborn icicle."

His feet were not quite sure, his diction was more "than'a" little blurred. With difficulty Ann kept her little gold slippers out of his clumsy way. His arm tightened and she looked frantically for Paul.

A two act drama entitled: "Three Who Found Easter."

All members and friends of the local church are urged to be present at both these Palm Sunday services; every visitor is always accorded a warm welcome in the friendliness of Christian love.

The hour of Calvary was the darkest hour in human history, but it brought to man salvation, and healing, and inspiration. In this present dark hour of humanity, when countless human beings are undergoing a new Calvary of humanity, may we not find hope in the Cross of Christ, as a symbol, not of destruction, but of triumph?

CHURCH NEWS

FIRST CHRISTIAN
North Main and W. Avenue B
John Keith Gregory, MinisterBible School 9:45 a. m.
Morning Worship Service 11 o'clock.
Junior Christian Endeavor Society 6:45 p. m.

Evening Worship service 7:30 o'clock.

"The Church of the Future" No. X, and the final message of the minister's series of sermons on "The New Testament Church" will be delivered from the local pulpit of the Christian church at the 11 o'clock hour.

At the evening service the worship program will be given to a consideration of the approaching Easter season. "Look Toward Easter," supported with

Bible classes meet at 10 o'clock a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. Young People's Bible class, 6:30 p. m. Preaching, 7:30 p. m.

"Who is Responsible for Division," will be the sermon subject Sunday morning. All know that there is much division in the religious world. Does God approve of it? Come and see.

The minister's subject for Sunday night will be, "How to Kill a Church." A hearty welcome is waiting for all.

UNITY BAPTIST CHURCH
511 South Elm Street
Elmer J. H. Reaves, Pastor

Sunday school 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. B. Y. P. T. C. 6:30 p. m. Preaching 7:30 p. m.

Prayer services Thursday night 7 o'clock.

Come out and worship with us at all services. You will receive a blessing and a hearty welcome. Come and hear Elder Reaves bring the old time Gospel messages in the old time manner. It will do you good.

A class for every age in Sunday school. Always a welcome for you, come and get it.

GARRETT MEMORIAL BAPTIST
Hollis A. Purple, Pastor

Sunday School 9:45. We have a wonderful lesson Sunday. Come let us study this lesson together. We will be looking for you.

Rev. Homer Henry, Howard Association, Missionary will preach Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. You will enjoy his messages come and hear him.

All classes of B. Y. P. T. C. meet at 7 p. m. You will enjoy working with these young people. There is also a Bible class for the older people.

hear of their need and the possibility of obtaining eternal life. Saved people are invited to help bring salvation to the lost and spiritual growth to themselves.

FIRST BAPTIST
William R. Hamilton, Pastor

"A church should seek the salvation of the lost and the instruction of the saved." First Baptist church keeps this truth before it at all times. Sunday's services are planned with this in mind.

Sunday school 9:45.

Morning Worship, 10:35. Sermon by the Pastor on: "Believing and Confessing Christ." Have you really believed? If so, are you truly confessing?

Come and see.

Baptist Training Union, 6:30. "Training in Church membership."

Evening worship, 7:30. Pastor's sermon subject: "When Christ Returns."

This message will deal with some things which will occur at Christ's Second Coming.

A cordial welcome is assured all who attend the First Baptist services.

Lost people are invited to come and

• THE STORY OF DEMOCRACY
By Hendrik Willem van Loon
Illustrated by the author

It's Always an Unending Battle Between Democratic Government and 'The Easier Way'



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Chapter Eleven
What was an old Democracy at its best? We find the answer in a speech by Pericles.

In the year 431 B. C. war had broken out between Athens and Sparta. Athens was a Democracy. Sparta, ever since the beginning of Greek history, had been a totalitarian state of the most objectionable sort. But Sparta, which lived far removed from Athens (as distances were then counted), could never have found an excuse to start open hostilities against

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During the first years of that disastrous civil war (431-404), quite a number of Athenians had been killed. In honor of those heroes and to console their relatives, Pericles ordered a formal day of praise and thanksgiving for the departed patriots and upon that occasion he himself pronounced a funeral oration which Thucydies has preserved.

"We are fortunate," so he said, "to be members of a community which is not an imitation of other institutions or traditions. We have turned our city into a community which stands forth as an example of what a truly enlightened people should be."

"And we call our form of government a Democracy because influence upon the affairs of the commonwealth in our country is not a privilege of the few but the good right of the many

"As private persons, we try to get along with each other as well as we can, but in all matters affecting the state, we pay strict attention to the laws which have been imposed upon us by the will of all the people."

ple, obeying all the laws and especially those which demand that we try to alleviate the fate of those who for some reason are not as fortunately situated as others.

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NEXT: Democracy in Ancient Athens Had Its Weakness, Too.

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